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HARLES the Second,
by the grace of God of Eng-
land, Scotland, France
and Ireland King, De-
fender of the Faith, &c.

*To Our Trusty and Well-
beloved Sir John Robinson Knight and Ba-
ronet, Lord Mayor of Our City of London,
and to the Lord Mayor of the said City for the
time being;*

*To the most Reverend Father in God, Our
Right trusty, and Right well-beloved Counsel-
lour William Lord Arch-Bishop of Canter-
bury, Primate of all England, and Metro-
politane, and to the Lord Arch-Bishop of Can-
terbury for the time being;*

*To Our Right trusty, and Right well-belo-
ved Cousin, and Counsellour, Edward Earl of
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Clarendon, Lord High Chancellour of England, and to the Lord High Chancellour of England, and Lord Keeper of the Great Seal of England for the time being;

To the most Reverend Father in God, Acceptus Lord Arch-Bishop of York, Primate of England, and Metropolitane, And to the Lord Arch-Bishop of York for the time being;

To Our Right trusty, and Right well-beloved Cousin, and Counsellour, Thomas Earl of Southampton, Lord High Treasurer of England, And to the Lord High Treasurer of England for the time being;

To Our Right trusty, and Right well-beloved Counsellour, John Lord Roberts, Lord Keeper of Our Privy Seal, And to the Lord Keeper of Our Privy Seal for the time being;

To Our Right trusty, and Right entirely beloved Cousin, and Counsellour, George Duke of Buckingham;

To Our Right trusty, and Right entirely beloved Cousin, Charles Duke of Richmond and Lenox;

To Our Right trusty, and Right entirely beloved Cousins, and Counsellours, George Duke of Albemarle Master of Our Horse, and General of all Our Forces,

James Duke of Ormond, Lord Lieutenant

nant of Our Realm of Ireland, and Lord Steward of Our Household, and to the Lord Steward of Our Household for the time being;

To Our Right trusty, and entirely beloved Cousin, and Counsellor, Henry Marquess of Dorchester;

To Our Right trusty, and Right well-beloved Consins, and Counsellours, Mountague Earl of Lindsey, Lord great Chamberlain of England, And to the Lord great Chamberlain of England for the time being;

Edward Earl of Manchester, Lord Chamberlain of Our Household, And to the Lord Chamberlain of Our Household for the time being;

To Our Right trusty, and Right well-beloved Cousin, Aubrey Earl of Oxford;

To Our Right trusty, and Right well-beloved Cousin, and Counsellour, Algernoun Earl of Northumberland;

To Our Right trusty, and Right well-beloved Cousin, Philip Earl of Chesterfield, Lord Chamberlain to Our Royal Consort the Queen, And to the Lord Chamberlain to Our said Royal Consort for the time being;

To Our Right trusty, and Right well-beloved Cousin and Counsellour, Edward Earl of Sandwich;

To the Right Reverend Father in God,
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Our Right trusty, and well-beloved Counsellour, Gilbert Lord Bishop of London; To the Right Reverend Fathers in God, George Lord Bishop of Winchester, Matthew Lord Bishop of Ely, John Lord Bishop of Rochester, And to the Bishops of London, Winchester, Ely, and Rochester for the time being; Humphrey Lord Bishop of Salisbury Our Almoner, And to Our Almoner for the time being; John Lord Bishop of Worcester, Clerk of Our Closet, and to the Clerk of Our Closet for the time being;

To Our Right trusty, and well-beloved Counsellours, Francis Lord Seymour, Chancellor of Our Duchy of Lancaster, And to the Chancellour of Our Duchy of Lancaster for the time being;

Christopher Lord Hatton;

Anthony Lord Ashley, Chancellour, and Under-Treasurer of Our Exchequer, and to the Chancellour, and Under-Treasurer of Our Exchequer for the time being;

To Our Right Trusty and well-beloved, Henry Viscount Cornbury;

To Our ~~Right~~ trusty and well-beloved Counsellours, Sir William Compton knight, Master of Our Ordnance, And to the Master of Our Ordnance for the time being;

Sir Charles Berkley knight, Treasurer of
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Our Household, And to the Treasurer of Our Household for the time being ;

Sir Hugh Pollard knight, Comptroller of Our Household, And to the Comptroller of Our Household for the time being ;

Sir George Carteret knight, Vice-Chamberlain of Our Household, And to the Vice-Chamberlain of Our Household for the time being ;

Sir William Morris knight, one of Our Principal Secretaries of State ;

Sir Henry Bennet knight, one other of Our Principal Secretaries of State, And to Our Principal Secretaries of State for the time being ;

Sir Edward Nicholas, knight ;

And to Our trusty and well-beloved, Sir Robert Foster knight, Chief Justice of the Pleas before Us to be holden, And to the Chief Justice of the Pleas before Us to be holden for the time being ;

Sir Harbottle Grimstone Baronet, Master of the Rolls, And to the Master of the Rolls for the time being ;

Sir Orlando Bridgeman knight and Baronet, Chief Justice of Our Court of Common Pleas, And to the Chief Justice of Our Court of Common Pleas for the time being ;

Sir Matthew Hale knight, Chief Baron of Our Court of Exchequer, And to the Chief

Baron of Our Court of Exchequer for the time being ;

Sir Thomas Twisden knight, one of Our Justices of the Pleas before Us to be holden ;

Sir Wadham Windham knight, one other of Our Justices of the Pleas before Us to be holden ;

Sir Robert Hide knight, one of Our Justices of Our Court of Common Pleas ;

Sir Edward Atkins knight, one of Our Barons of Our Court of Exchequer ;

Sir Christopher Turner knight, one other of Our Barons of Our Court of Exchequer ;

Sir Job Charleton knight, Serjeant at Law, Chief Justice of Chester ;

Sir Geoffrey Palmer knight and Baronet, Our Attorney General, And to Our Attorney General for the time being ;

Sir Heneage Finch knight and Baronet, Our Solicitor General, And to Our Solicitor General for the time being ;

Sir William Wylde knight and Baronet, one of Our Serjeants at Law, Recorder of Our City of London, And to the Recorder of Our said City for the time being ;

Sir Philip Warwick knight, one of the Clerks of Our Signet ;

Sir Richard Fanshaw knight, one of Our Masters of Requests ;

Sir

Sir John Nicholas knight of the Bath, one of the Clerks of Our Council;

Sir Edward Walker knight, one other of the Clerks of Our Council.

And to Our trusty and well-beloved Giles Sweat Doctor of Law, Dean of the Arches, And to the Dean of the Arches for the time being;

Richard Chaworth Doctor of Law, Vicar General of the Lord Arch-Bishop of Canterbury, and Chancellor of the Lord Bishop of London; And to the Vicar General of the Arch-Bishop of Canterbury, and Chancellor of the Bishop of London for the time being;

Sir William Merricke Doctor of the Law, and Knight, Judge of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, And to the Judge of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury for the time being;

John Exton Doctor of Law, Judge of the Court of Admiralty, and to the Judge of the Court of Admiralty for the time being;

Sir Robert Wiseman, Doctor of the Law, and Knight, Our Advocate General, And to Our Advocate General for the time being;

And to Our trusty and well-beloved, John Barwick Doctor in Divinity, Dean of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in London, And to the Dean of the said Church for the time being; Thomas Turner Doctor in Divinity,

and Dean of Canterbury ; Edward Layfeild Doctor of Divinity, and Arch-Deacon of Essex ; John Pory Doctor of Divinity Arch-Deacon of Middlesex, Residentiaries of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul aforesaid, and to the Residentiaries of the said Church for the time being ; John Dolben Doctor of Divinity, Dean of Westminster, and Arch-Deacon of London ; Mark Franke Doctor in Divinity, and Treasurer of the said Cathedral Church of St. Paul ;

And to Our trusty and well-beloved Sir John Denham knight of the Bath, Sir Henry Yelverton Baronet, Sir Thomas Beverley knight, Sir William Clarke knight, Henry Chichely Esquire, Dudley Palmer esq; Edward Palmer esq; John Allen esq; James Ravenscroft esq; William Dugdale esq; John Phelips esq; one of the Auditors of Our Court of Exchequer ;

And to Our trusty and well-beloved Sir Thomas Adams knight and Baronet, Sir Richard Brown knight and Baronet, Sir Thomas Allen knight and Baronet, Sir John Frederick knight, Sir Thomas Soame knight, Sir Anthony Bateman knight, Sir John Lawrence knight, Sir William Turner knight, Sir Richard Ford knight, Richard Chiverton esquire, Francis Warner esq;
 William

William Bolton *esq*; William Peake *esq*;
 Humphrey Primate *esq*; Richard Ryves *esq*;
 John Smith *esq*; William Justice *esq*; Tho-
 mas Bateman *esq*; John Saunders *esq*; Timo-
 thy Wade *esq*; Francis Meynell *esq*; Samuel
 Starling *esq*; *Aldermen of Our said City of*
London.

And to Our trusty and well-beloved Sir John
Cutler knight and Baronet, Sir George Be-
nyon, Sir George Smith, Sir John Shaw,
Sir Theophilus Biddulph, Sir Thomas
Chamberlayn, Sir William Bateman, Sir
*Andrew King, Robert Hicke *esq*; Thomas*
*Nevill *esq*; Edward Backwell *esq*; Henry*
*Bambridge *esq*; George Noades *esq*; Wil-*
*liam Llewellen *esq*; John Ryves *esq*; William*
*Rumbald *esq*; and Maximilian Bard *esq*; Ci-*
tizens of Our said City of London, Greeting.

W^HEREAS *We taking into Our serious and*
Princely Consideration the present State, and
great Decayes of the Cathedral Church of St.
Paul in London, being the goodliest Monu-
ment, and most eminent Church of Our whole
Dominions, and a principal Ornament of that
Our Royal City, the Imperial Seat, and Cham-
ber of this Our Kingdom, whither (by reason
of the near Residence of Our Self, and the Chief
and Principal Officers of Our State and Courts
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of Justice) there is continual Confluence, both of Our own Subjects, and Ambassadors from foreign Princes, and other Strangers; In respect whereof, and of Our Zeal to Gods glory, and His Divine Worship and Service in that goodly Church, and for the honour of Our Government, We having an earnest purpose and desire to provide, by all possible means, for the Repairing and upholding that Magnificent Structure, and restoring the same, (as time and means shall, by Gods Blessing, give assistance) unto the ancient Beauty and Glory of it, which hath so much suffered by the iniquity of the late Times; that the Repair thereof is now become a Work of necessity to be undertaken;

And calling to mind the pious Care, and gracious Intentions of Our most Dear and Royal Grand-Father, and Father, to begin and set forward that Great and Honourable Work, We have, of Our Princely Bounty and Favour already granted unto Our Right trusty, & Right well-beloved Cousins and Counsellours, Edward Lord Hyde, Earl of Clarendon, Lord High Chancellour of England, and Thomas Earl of Southampton, Lord High Treasurer of England, and to the Right Reverend Father in God, Our now Right trusty and well-beloved Counsellour, Gilbert Lord Bishop of London,
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and John Barwick Doctor in Divinity, Dean of St. Pauls, London, all arrears of Rents and Profits unreceived, of all Improvements, and Ecclesiastical Livings, which are not pardoned by the Act of Free and General Pardon, Indemnity and Oblivion, towards the Repairing, Adorning and Beautifying of the said Cathedral Church; and rest assured, that the same will amount to a considerable Sum.

And forasmuch as We are very confident, that not only our Clergy, but many of Our Nobility, Gentry, and other Our loving Subjects, will be ready to follow Our example; by Voluntary and Liberal Contributions, for the accomplishment of the said Work; Our Will and Pleasure is, and We do hereby give and grant unto you the said Right Reverend Father in God, Gilbert Lord Bishop of London, and to the Bishop of that See for the time being, full power and authority to provide and keep a Book or Register (like unto those which were kept in the times of Our said Dear Grand-Father and Father to that purpose) wherein to take the several Subscriptions of all such of Our Nobility, Bishops, Judges, Serjeants and Counsellors at Law, Officers, and others of Quality and Ability, as shall willingly contribute to the said Work, for such several sum and sums, as they shall in their Christian Charity freely bestow in that behalf; And to

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cause the Money so subscribed for, to be paid to Sir John Cutler Knight and Baronet, (who We are pleased shall be Receiver of all the Moneys intended for this Work) or such other person or persons, as by any Six, or more of you Our said Commissioners (whereof the Lord Bishop of London, or Dean of St. Pauls, London, for the time being to be one) shall be appointed to receive the same.

And Our further Will and Pleasure is, and We do hereby straitly charge and command the Judges of the Prerogative Courts of both Provinces, and the Vicars General, and other Officials of the several Bishopricks of this Our Kingdom, and Dominion of Wales, That from henceforth they take especial Care, out of such Moneys as shall from time to time fall into their power, for, or by reason of Commutations of Penances, or upon any other occasion whatsoever; to remember that some convenient proportion thereof be assigned, and set apart towards the supply of the said Work, whereof the Bishops in their several Dioceses are to take notice respectively, and to make Certificate thereof to the Bishop of London for the time being, at the end of every six moneths; and withal to cause the Moneys so reserved, to be sent up and paid to the said Sir John Cutler, or such other person or persons as by you Our said Commissioners,

missioners, or any Six, or more of you, (where-
of the Lord Bishop of London, or Dean of
St. Pauls aforesaid, for the time being to be
one) shall be appointed to receive the same with-
in that time accordingly.

And for a further supply of this great and
chargeable Work, which will necessarily re-
quire a general and liberal Contribution of all
Our able Subjects of this Kingdom, to be made
by Our Letters Patents, to that purpose to be
drawn, in a more special manner then ordinary
Briefs are wont to be, according to the extra-
ordinary nature of this Case, Our Will and
Pleasure is, and we do hereby ordain and ap-
point, That all such Letters Patents, in nature
of Briefs, as shall from time to time be advised,
and found needful for the advancing of the said
Work, shall be made and granted under Our
Great Seal of England to that purpose, in such
manner, and by such Warrant and Dire-
ction as hereafter in and by these presents is
declared.

And forasmuch as We are desirous, That an
Honourable and orderly course may be taken
for all things needful for this weighty Business,
as well for taking an exact Survey of the par-
ticular Decayes of the said Church, and calcu-
lating the Charge thereof, as for discovering and
finding out of all such sums of Moneys, as are
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hereby intended to be imployed towards the maintenance, repairing & adorning of the said Church; As also for the safe and orderly collecting and bringing in thereof, and of all Materials to be made use of in and towards the Repair of the said Church, and the well disposing, issuing, and imploying thereof, and orderly accompting for the same :

And whereas in order thereunto, and in pursuance of the Royal Intentions of Our said Dear Grand-Father and Father, (who granted several Commissions in order to the accomplishing of this Work, with sundry good Directions to that purpose) We, of Our abundant Care, are further resolved to proceed to the acting and executing of that which by the Iniquity of the late times was interrupted, and out of the light taken by those Commissions, and those beginnings, to make an effectual progress, and so to provide, That all other effectual means be used to advance the Accomplishment of that Great and Chargeable undertaking, whereby, and especially by the Cheerful and Bountiful supply We are confident will be given by the Citizens and Inhabitants of our said Royal City of London, (to whom we do most passionately recommend the Advancement of this Work) We doubt not to put the same into a probable way for the real and substantial effecting of Our Princely hope, and earnest desire therein : And

And duly weighing with Our Self, That as this Chargeable Fabrick, and Goodly Pile of Building could not, in the first Foundation thereof, but require both many years of time, and large Supplies of Publick Charity, and yearly Contributions to sustain the Charge thereof; so the prosecution of the substantial Repair, and adorning of it, intended by Us, is not to be effected, but by the like means:

And We well knowing, that the safe keeping of the Moneys and Materials which shall be provided for so great a Work, and the faithful and frugal disposing thereof for the good use intended, and no other, are principally to be regarded:

And being informed, That divers persons, to enrich themselves, have Sacrilegiously converted to their own private use and advantage, the Organs and Bells, and much of the Plate, Utensils, Ornaments, and Materials thereof, and the Scaffolding, Lead, Timber, Stone, and other Materials heretofore prepared for the Repair thereof:

And being very desirous, That a true and perfect discovery may be made of all such Legacies, Gifts, Bequests, Sums of Money, and other profits as have been heretofore given, or intended for the maintaining, repairing, or adorning of the said Church, We reposing special Trust

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and Confidence in your approved Wisdoms, Sincerities, and Dexterities, have made special Choice of you, to be Our Commissioners, to see Our Will and Pleasure herein declared duly effected, and put into real Execution; Not doubting, but by the honourable Care and Judgments of you the Lords of Our Privy Council, and the diligence and faithfulness of you the Lord Bishop London, and the Dean and Residentiaries of that Cathedral Church, and the trust and forwardness of you Our other loving Subjects, this great Work shall by the help of many hands, joyned together in one way of Integrity, be brought to an happy and glorious Conclusion.

KNOW YE THEREFORE, That We have assigned and appointed you the said Sir John Robinson Lord Mayor of Our said City of London, and the Lord Mayor of the said City for the time being; William Lord Arch-Bishop of Canterbury, and the Lord Arch-Bishop of Canterbury for the time being; Edward Earl of Clarendon, Lord High Chancellor of England, and the Lord High Chancellor, and Lord Keeper of the Great Seal of England for the time being; Accepted Lord Arch-Bishop of York, And the Lord Arch-Bishop of York for the time being;
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Thomas *Earl of Southampton*, Lord High Treasurer of England, *And the Lord High Treasurer of England for the time being*; John Lord Roberts, Lord Keeper of Our Privy Seal, *And the Keeper of Our Privy Seal for the time being*;

George Duke of Buckingham, Charles Duke of Richmond and Lenox, George Duke of Albemarle, James Duke of Ormond, Lord Lieutenant of Our Realm of Ireland, and Lord Steward of Our Household, and the Steward of Our Household for the time being;

Henry Marquess of Dorchester; Mountague *Earl of Lindsey*, Lord great Chamberlain of England, and the Lord great Chamberlain of England for the time being; Edward *Earl of Manchester*, Lord Chamberlain of Our Household, and the Lord Chamberlain of Our Household for the time being; Aubrey *Earl of Oxford*, Algernoun *Earl of Northumberland*, Philip *Earl of Chesterfield*, Lord Chamberlain to Our Royal Consort the Queen, and the Lord Chamberlain to Our said Royal Consort for the time being, Edward *Earl of Sandwich*;

Gilbert Lord Bishop of London, George Lord Bishop of Winchester, Matthew Lord Bishop of Ely, John Lord Bishop of Rochester,

ster, *And the Bishops of London, Winchester, Ely, and Rochester for the time being ; Humphrey Lord Bishop of Salisbury, Our Almoner, And Our Almoner for the time being ; John Lord Bishop of Worcester, Clerk of Our Closet , and the Clerk of Our Closet for the time being ;*

Francis Lord Seymour, Chancellour of Our Duchy of Lancaster, And the Chancellour of Our Duchy of Lancaster for the time being ;

Christopher Lord Hatton, Anthony Lord Ashley, Chancellour, and Under-Treasurer of Our Exchequer, and the Chancellour, and Under-Treasurer of Our Exchequer for the time being ; Henry Viscount Cornbury ;

Sir William Compton, Master of Our Ordnance, And the Master of Our Ordnance for the time being ; Sir Charles Berkley, Treasurer of Our Household, And the Treasurer of Our Household for the time being ; Sir Hugh Pollard, Comptroller of Our Household, And the Comptroller of Our Household for the time being ; Sir George Carteret, Vice-Chamberlain of Our Household, And the Vice-Chamberlain of Our Household for the time being ; Sir William Morris, one of Our Principal Secretaries of State ; Sir Henry Bennet one other of Our Prin-

Principal Secretaries of State, And Our Principal Secretaries of State for the time being ; Sir Edward Nicholas ;

Sir Robert Foster Chief Justice of the Pleas before Us to be holden, And the Chief Justice of the Pleas before Us to be holden for the time being ; Sir Harbottle Grimstone, Master of the Rolls, And the Master of the Rolls for the time being ; Sir Orlando Bridgeman Chief Justice of Our Court of Common Pleas , And the Chief Justice of Our Court of Common Pleas for the time being ; Sir Matthew Hale Chief Baron of Our Court of Exchequer, And the Chief Baron of Our Court of Exchequer for the time being ; Sir Thomas Twilden, Sir Wadham Windham, Sir Robert Hide, Sir Edward Atkins, Sir Christopher Turner, Sir Job Charleton; Sir Geoffrey Palmer Our Attorney General, And Our Attorney General for the time being ; Sir Heneage Finch Our Solicitor General, And Our Solicitor General for the time being ; Sir William Wylde Recorder of Our City of London, And the Recorder of Our City of London for the time being ;

Sir Philip Warwick, Sir Richard Fanshawe, Sir John Nicholas, Sir Edward Walker;

Giles Sweat *Dean of the Arches, And the*
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Dean of the Arches for the time being ; Richard Chaworth Vicar General of the Lord Arch-Bishop of Canterbury, and Chancellor of the Lord Bishop of London, And the Vicar General of the said Arch-Bishop of Canterbury, and Chancellor of the Bishop of London for the time being ; Sir William Merrick Judge of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, And the Judge of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury for the time being ; John Exton Judge of the Court of Admiralty, and the Judge of the Court of Admiralty for the time being ; Sir Robert Wiseman Our Advocate General, And Our Advocate General for the time being ;

John Barwick Dean of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in London, And the Dean of the said Church for the time being ; Thomas Turner, Edward Layfeild, John Pory Residentiaries of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul aforesaid, and the Residentiaries of the said Church for the time being ; John Dolben Dean of Westminster ; Mark Franke Treasurer of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul aforesaid ;

Sir John Denham, Sir Henry Yelverton, Sir Thomas Beverley, Sir William Clarke, Henry Chichely, Dudley Palmer, Edward Palmer, John Allen, James Ravenscroft,

venscroft, William Dugdale, John Phe-
lips ;

Sir Thomas Adams, *Sir* Richard Brown,
Sir Thomas Allen, *Sir* John Frederick, *Sir*
Thomas Soame, *Sir* Anthony Bateman,
Sir John Lawrence, *Sir* William Turner,
Sir Richard Ford, Richard Chiverton,
Francis Warner, William Bolton, Wil-
liam Peake, Humphrey Primate, Richard
Ryves, John Smith, William Justice, Tho-
mas Bateman, John Saunders, Timothy
Wade, Francis Meynell, Samuel Starling ;

Sir John Cutler, *Sir* George Beny-
on, *Sir* George Smith, *Sir* John Shaw,
Sir Theophilus Biddulph, *Sir* Thomas
Chamberlayn, *Sir* William Bateman, *Sir*
Andrew King, Robert Hikes, Thomas
Nevill, Edward Backwell, Henry Bam-
bridge, George Noades, William Llewel-
len, John Ryves, William Rumbald and
Maximilian Bard, to be Our Commissioners.

*And We do by these presents give full power
and authority to you, or any Six, or more of you,
(whereof the Lord Bishop of London, or
Dean of St. Pauls aforesaid for the time being
to be one) from time to time, either by your
own View and Survey, or by the aid and assi-
stance of such skilful Workmen, or other Per-
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sons, as by you, or any Six, or more of you (where-
of the Lord Bishop of London, or Dean of
St. Pauls for the time being to be one) shall be
thought meet, to search, discover, try, and find
out the true State of the said Church, and the
particular Decayes thereof, as well in the
Steeple as in the Body, and other parts of the
said Church, either in the Foundation, or in
the Walls, Pillars, or Covering thereof, in Stone-
work, Timber-Work, Lead, Iron, Glass, or
otherwise howsoever; And what sorts and quan-
tities of Stone, Timber, and other Materials
the substantial Repair of the same will require;
And what the charge thereof will (by proba-
ble Estimate) amount unto, from time to time;
And what part of the Work is fittest first to be
undertaken, and of most necessity; and in what
time the same may be done, and what other parts
are next to be set upon, in the times, and years
subsequent, with the Charge of each years Work;
And all other Circumstances whereby you may
be informed of the Natures and sorts of the seve-
ral Decayes, and the means, times, and charge
of the Repair of the same: And further, to con-
sider what parts of the said Church are fit to be
taken down, in order to the better Repair there-
of, and what other alterations are fit to be
made therein, and to appoint a time when
the said Work shall be begun, as also for the
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the Progress and Proceeding therein from time to time.

And further, We do give unto you, or any Six, or more of you, (whereof the Lord Bishop of London, or the Dean of St. Pauls for the time being to be one) full Power and Authority, as well by the Oaths of honest and lawful men, as by the examination of Witnesses upon their Oaths, (which you, or any Six, or more of you, (whereof the Lord Bishop of London, or the Dean of St. Pauls, as aforesaid to be one) are hereby authorized to administer) or without Oath, and by all other lawful ways and means whatsoever to enquire and examine of, for, and concerning all, and every sums and sum of money heretofore subscribed, advanced, given, or bequeathed, raised, collected, or received, for, or towards the Reparation of the said Cathedral Church, or for the beautifying, or adorning thereof, or providing of any Utenfils, or Ornaments for the same; and touching the Payment and Employment thereof; and of, and concerning the said Organs and Bells, Plate, Utenfils, Ornaments and Materials, any way belonging to the said Church, or the Materials of any Monuments therein, and the Scaffolding, Lead, Timber, Stone, and other Materials heretofore provided for the Repair of the said Church, and the particular Values thereof,

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and how, and by whom the same, or any part thereof hath been taken away, disposed, converted and applied; and to send for and convene, and to cause to come before you, or any Six, or more of you (whereof the Lord Bishop of London, or the Dean of S. Pauls for the time being to be one) all such Farmers, Tenants, Trustees, Treasurers, Receivers, Accomptants, Clerks, and other Officers and Ministers, Parties and Witnesses whatsoever, which are any way concerned, or can give testimony touching the premisses, which you shall think necessary to call before you, and to examine them severally upon their Oaths; and to send for, and cause to be brought before you, and to have the custody, use, and perusal of all such Books, Books of Accompts, Register-Books, Surveys, Writings and Papers any way relating to the premisses, in whose hands soever the same are, as you shall think meet for your better information touching the premisses; and to demand, call for, and order to be paid into the hands of the said Sir John Cutler, or into the hands of such other person or persons, as any Six or more of you (whereof the Lord Bishop of London, or the Dean of St. Pauls for the time being to be one) shall nominate and appoint, all such sum or sums of Money, as in any of the Cases aforesaid, now are, or hereafter shall be remaining in the hands, or due,
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or payable by, or chargeable upon any person or persons whatsoever, with damages for the same, or such Compositions as you, or any Six, or more of you (whereof the Lord Bishop of London, or the Dean of St. Pauls. for the time being to be one) shall think fit to be made therein; To be surely kept and disposed apart by it self for the use aforesaid, and to be issued out from time to time for the use aforesaid, as is hereafter by these presents mentioned; requiring all the said persons concerned to pay the same accordingly to the said Sir John Cutler, or such other Receiver or Receivers as shall be appointed as aforesaid, who are hereby authorized from time to time to receive, and give Acquittances and Discharges to the respective Parties that shall pay the same.

And We do hereby authorize you Our said Commissioners, or any Six or more of you as aforesaid, in default of payment, to direct such legal ways and means to compel the said person and persons which shall be found indebted to the payment thereof, as you shall think most meet and expedient; and to inform Us, or Our Council of such person or persons so found to be indebted, which shall in contempt of this Our Commission, refuse to pay the said Debts; And out of such Moneys as shall be received, to allow fitting Salaries and Rewards to such Clerks, Messengers,

sengers, and others that shall advance the said Service, or be employed in getting in the said Moneys; Which upon the Warrant of you, or any Six, or more of you (whereof the Lord Bishop of London, or the Dean of St. Pauls for the time being to be one) is to be paid by the said Receiver, or Receivers accordingly: And to direct and appoint, That Register-Books, and Accompts be carefully and orderly kept, of all Receipts and Payments concerning the premisses; and from time to time to take account thereof, from the said Receiver or Receivers: And to command all Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, Constables, Bayliffs, and all other Our Officers, Ministers, and loving Subjects whatsoever, upon any Warrant or Precept to be issued from you Our said Commissioners, or any Six, or more of you (whereof the Lord Bishop of London, or the Dean of St. Pauls for the time being to be one) to return Furors, and serve Orders and Summons, and to be aiding and assisting in all things tending to the effectual execution of the said Commission.

And We do hereby likewise give full Power and Authority to you Our said Commissioners, or any Six, or more of you (whereof the Lord Bishop of London, or the Dean of St. Pauls for the time being to be one) to minister unto the said Furors, and to all, and every other person and persons

persons to be employed in the said service, and in order to the repairing of the said Church, whom you, or any Six, or more of you, as aforesaid, shall think fit, such Oath or Oaths for the due performance of their several Duties, Offices, Employments, Charges and Trusts to them, or any of them to be committed, as to you or any Six, or more of you, as aforesaid, shall be thought reasonable and convenient ; And to take care, That the Materials and Provisions that shall, from time to time, be brought in for that Work, be kept in such Store-yards, Houses and Places, and by such Officers as you, or any Six, or more of you (whereof the Lord Bishop of London, or the Dean of St. Pauls for the time being to be one) shall appoint ; And not to be issued out, spent, or disposed of, but only for the said Publick use of Repairing the Church aforesaid, according to such Warrants and Directions as by you, or any Six, or more of you (whereof the Lord Bishop of London, or the Dean of St. Pauls for the time being to be one) shall be given for the same : And to consider of, advise, and agree in what manner the Books and Accompts, both for the Moneys to be brought into the Treasury, and the Materials and Provisions to be brought into the Stores, shall be from time to time kept, and

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comptrolled, audited, transcribed, and certified from time to time. And to make and set down particular Orders and Instructions, as well for the issuing of the Moneys from the said Treasurer or Treasurers so appointed, or to be appointed as aforesaid, to the Pay-masters, who are to be employed in the payment of Moneys for Wages, Materials, Provisions, Carriages, or otherwise, concerning the said Works; as also for each several mans Charge and Employment; and to put such a Cheque upon the Receipt, as you, or any Six, or more of you (whereof the Lord Bishop of London, or the Dean of St. Pauls for the time being to be one) shall think fit; For the doing of all which, these Presents shall be your sufficient Warrant and Discharge.

And We do also bereby give unto you Our said Commissioners, or any Six, or more of you (whereof the Lord Bishop of London, or the Dean of St. Pauls for the time being to be one) full Power and Authority from time to time to consult, advise, and agree of such Form and Forms of Letters Patents to be granted in the nature of Briefs, for Publick Collections to be made within Our said Realm of England, and Dominion of Wales, of the Charity of Our loving and well disposed Subjects,
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towards the Work aforesaid, to be collected and brought in to the said Receiver and Receivers, which for the time being shall be, for reciting therein so much of the premisses as shall be found needful, and putting therein such other necessary Clauses as you shall conceive most likely to advance the Collections and Contributions to be made thereupon; Which said Letters Patents, or Briefs so to be advised, or agreed upon under the hands of any Six, or more of you (as aforesaid) We Will and Command you Our Chancellour of England, and the Chancellour of England, or Keeper of Our Great Seal of England for the time being, to pass under Our Great Seal of England, without any further, or other Warrant from Us to be procured or obtained in that behalf; And these Presents shall be to you, and them, and every of them a sufficient Warrant, and Discharge for the same.

And We do hereby further give full Power and Authority unto you, or any Six, or more of you (whereof the Lord Bishop of London, or the Dean of St. Pauls for the time being to be one) to consult, advise, consider of, and frame meet Orders, Ordinances, and Constitutions for the better preservation and maintenance of the said Cathedral Church in time to come; and
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for the suppressing and preventing of all present and future Annoyances, Purprestures and In-
 chroachments, which do or shall tend to the
 Damage, Hurt, Elemishing, or Disgrace of the
 said Church; And the same Orders, Ordinan-
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 ting, to present unto Us, to the end that the same
 being by Us perused and considered of, may re-
 ceive Our Royal Approbation and Allowance,
 with such further Order from Us for the
 strengthening of the same, by Our own Royal
 Signature, or under Our Great Seal, or other-
 wise, as We shall find meet, And be put in exe-
 cution accordingly.

And We do hereby give full Power and
 Authority unto you, or to any Six, or more of
 you (whereof the Lord Bishop of London, or
 the Dean of St. Pauls for the time being to be
 one) to cause all and every person and persons,
 whom you shall think good from time to time, to
 bring and shew before you, or any Six, or more
 of you (as aforesaid) either upon Oath or with-
 out Oath, all and singular such Records, Books,
 Evidences, Accompts, and other Notes and
 Writings touching any of the Premisses, as are
 remaining in the Chamber of London, or else-
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aforesaid) shall think fit to be produced, whereby the truth of the premisses may the better and more plainly be found out and discovered. And for your own ease and expedition in the execution of this Our Commission, Our Will and Pleasure is, And We do hereby Charge and Command, That all such Surveyors, Actuaries, Registers, Officers, and Ministers whatsoever, which you, or any Six, or more of you (as aforesaid) shall think fit, and require, shall be ready and attendant upon you, or any Six, or more of you, (as aforesaid) for the doing and performing any thing necessary to be done in the execution of this Our Commission.

And We do further give full Power and Authority unto you Our said Commissioners, or any Six, or more of you (whereof the Lord Bishop of London, or the Dean of St. Pauls for the time being to be one) out of your selves, and such other persons of known ability and integrity, as you, or any Six, or more of you, as aforesaid, shall think fit, from time to time, and as often as you, or any Six, or more of you, as aforesaid, shall see expedient, to make, constitute, and appoint such and so many Sub-Committees as you, or any Six, or more of you, as aforesaid, shall think meet, for the better managing and carrying on of this Work, and to invest them with such Powers pursuant to the Authorities hereby given, as

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shall be requisite ; And to revoke, annul and determine the same ; And to revive and make new the said Sub-Committees, or any other Sub-Committees, when you, or any Six, or more of you (whereof the Lord Bishop of London, or the Dean of St. Pauls for the time being to be one) shall think fit, and most conducing to the service.

And We do further give full Power and Authority unto you Our said Commissioners, or any Six, or more of you (whereof the Lord Bishop of London, or the Dean of St. Pauls for the time being to be one) to advise, treat and consider of all other things, ways and means for the advancement and furtherance of this great and eminent Work, being of so much Consequence for preventing the Dishonour, which, by the neglect of so ancient a Monument, may fall upon Us and our whole Kingdom, And to put the same wayes and means in speedy and due execution ; For which these Presents shall be to you, and every of you, and all other Persons employed herein, a sufficient Warrant and Discharge.

And lastly, Our Pleasure is, That this Our Commission shall continue in Force ; And We do hereby authorize you Our said Commissioners, or any Six, or more of you (whereof the Lord Bishop of London, or the Dean of St. Pauls
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for the time being to be one) to proceed in the execution thereof, and of all and every of the matters and things therein contained from time to time, as often as you, or any Six, or more of you, as aforesaid, shall think convenient: Although the said Commission be not from time to time continued by Adjournment.

IN WITNESS whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patents: WITNESS Our Self at *Westminster*, the Eighteenth day of *April*, in the Fifteenth year of Our Reign.

PER IPSUM REGEM.

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GOD SAVE THE KING.
